

Today, the New Haven Lions Club can be very proud of the invaluable contributions their members have made both through their efforts to not only assist the blind, the founding mission of the Lions, but in the many ways they make a difference in our community. From Camp Cedarcrest, a forty-two-acre facility located in Orange, Connecticut that began its operations in 1928 and provides a recreational space to thousands of young people and adults each summer season to their participation in Pediatric and Adult Screening events, Special Olympics "Opening Eyes", Veterans Stand Down, and bell ringing on behalf of the Salvation Army, New Haven Lions are improving the quality of life for countless members of our community.

Over the course of their one-hundred-year history, New Haven Lions have raised and distributed over \$950,000 to assist the blind and have participated in service activities that have benefitted those with diabetes, the physically and mentally challenged, and the hearing impaired. Their members have focused their time and energies on working to address environmental issues, improve community welfare, and promote international understating. Organizations like the Fidelco Guide Dog Foundation, CT Radio Information System, the CT Food Bank, Columbus House, Clifford Beers, and the Ronald McDonald House are just a few of the local service organizations who have benefitted from their generosity and dedication.

The New Haven Lions have had an extraordinary impact on our community, and we cannot thank them enough for all of their good work. As they celebrate their 100th anniversary, I am proud to stand to congratulate them on this remarkable milestone and to extend my deepest thanks and appreciation to members past and present for their outstanding efforts on behalf of our community. I have no doubt that they will continue to do so for many more years to come.

CONGRATULATING THE WINNEBAGO HIGH SCHOOL TRACK TEAM FOR THEIR WINS AT THE IHSA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 14, 2022

Mrs. BUSTOS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize senior Owen Lightfoot, sophomore Supreme Muhammad, sophomore Eden Trotter-Krahn and senior Michael Cunningham of Winnebago High School, who won both the Illinois High School Athletic Association Class 1A State 4x100 meter relay and 4x200 meter relay.

Owen, Supreme, Eden and Michael together won the 4x100 relay with a time of 42.92 seconds and the 4x200 relay with a time of 1 minute and 28.48 seconds. As a former athlete, I commend them for their determination and attitude. They are an example of the importance of dedication and a strong work ethic. I am proud to see them represent Winnebago so well throughout the state and the country with their talent and passion.

It is because of student leaders such as Owen, Supreme, Eden and Michael that I am especially proud to serve Illinois' 17th Con-

gressional District. Madam Speaker, I would like to again formally congratulate Owen Lightfoot, Supreme Muhammad, Eden Trotter-Krahn and Michael Cunningham for their state title in the 4x100 meter relay and 4x200 meter relay.

RECOGNIZING THE HAYWARD ROTARY CLUB

HON. ERIC SWALWELL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 14, 2022

Mr. SWALWELL. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the Hayward Rotary Club, which will celebrate 100 years of serving the Hayward community on Thursday, June 23, 2022.

Hayward Rotary, of which I'm a proud member, was founded in the early 1920s when Hayward business owners regularly started to meet for lunch. Believing Hayward needed a service club, they petitioned their local Rotary District for sponsorship, and on June 23, 1922, Hayward Rotary was established.

Hayward Rotary's first official action as a club was to sponsor the local Boy Scouts troop. During the Great Depression, the club partnered with the Lions and 20 to 30 clubs to create an annual Halloween party at the Hayward Plunge to provide a safe place for children to have fun. They also initiated an annual Christmas party for underprivileged children. During World War II, the club sent clothing and goods to war-torn regions in Europe and helped finance and staff listening posts in the Hayward Hills.

In 1957, Hayward Rotary funded benches at Hayward bus stops, many of which are still in use today. At that same time, the club helped develop Interact Clubs at Hayward high schools to instill the importance of service into the next generation. They also created "Let's Go Fishing," an annual picnic for disabled children in the community. Recognizing the importance of community spaces, they supported the construction of the Tea House in Hayward. Honoring their commitment to supporting international causes, the club oversaw the shipment of 75 tons of textbooks to schools in Pakistan in 1974 and began their Polio Plus Program in the 1980s.

In 1990, the club officially incorporated the Hayward Rotary Foundation to help fund community programs. From 1994 to 1995, the club supported the construction of The Silva Pediatric Clinic, a full-service pediatric facility, and later expanded to add a full-service dental clinic.

In celebration of its 75th anniversary, Hayward Rotary partnered with the Hayward Unified School District to create the Hayward Community Technology Center at the Hayward Adult Education School in 1994. In 1999 they created the Newmann Park in the heart of downtown to replace an empty lot left by a building fire. The club also carried out its "Field of Dreams" project to improve lighting, provide scoreboards, and update facilities at Hayward high schools. In 2003, the club started its annual "Back-to-School Child Spree," where it helped 100 children get the supplies needed for the upcoming school year.

Hayward Rotary has remained one of the premier service clubs in Hayward. During its tenure, the club has contributed over \$3 mil-

lion and hundreds of thousands of service hours to civic improvements and community programs in Hayward and across the globe. It continues to grow its Club Foundation Endowment and the Rotary International Foundation to allow for the completion of more successful community service projects in the future.

For 100 years, Hayward Rotary has been pivotal in developing the robust community of Hayward. Hayward Rotary's accomplishments have truly exemplified its "Service above Self" motto. I join the club in celebrating its legacy and wish it many more productive years to come.

HONORING COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER, INC. ON THE CELEBRATION OF THEIR 50TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 14, 2022

Ms. DeLAURO. Madam Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to rise today to join all of those gathered in congratulating the Community Health Center, Inc. on their 50th anniversary. This is a remarkable milestone for this outstanding organization, and I am proud to recognize their invaluable contributions to our community.

Health care is a right, not a privilege. It is a simple motto and the fundamental basis of the establishment of Community Health Center, Inc. Fifty years ago, a group of students from Wesleyan University joined with community activists in Middletown—drawn together through a shared vision for affordable, accessible and responsive health care—to create a free clinic to meet the needs of the community. Fueled by idealism and a deep belief that patients should be the cornerstone of whatever was created, the Community Health Center, Inc. was born. Today, five decades later, CHC is one of the largest Federally Qualified Health Centers in the nation, serving 145,000 people in Connecticut at more than 240 locations.

Other communities were inspired by CHC's ideas, and it has grown steadily, establishing clinics for the underserved throughout Connecticut, which provide comprehensive, team-based medical, dental, and behavioral health services. CHC also created school-based clinics and is now the largest school-based care provider in Connecticut, offering medical, dental and behavioral health care to children and making care more accessible for thousands of hard-working families.

Home to the Weitzman Institute, an innovative center of research, education, and policy development, CHC has developed and implemented national training programs for Nurse Practitioners and Medical Assistants. CHC has also been a pioneer in telehealth, keeping its patients connected and healthy during the pandemic, and creating a company providing specialty e-consults for underserved patients.

In 2020, as our nation faced the greatest health crisis in a generation, CHC got to work, providing care and distributing resources throughout the communities they serve. CHC provided one of the most comprehensive and innovative campaigns against Covid-19 in the country, creating testing and vaccination sites